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Nature Of Opinion

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APS has agreed to a number of electric rate related changes/increases in regards to the APS electric rate case E-01345A-16-0036 before the Arizona Corporation Commission. The agreement reached with various interest groups comes down to an increase for non-solar residential consumers (myself included) of about 4.5% (\$6) per month. The important good takeaway is that the draconian demand charge portion of APS proposed residential increase will not be implemented at this time. The important bad takeaway is that the solar PV net metering amount is being reduced annually over the next 10 years and then eliminated completely. In my opinion, and in the opinion of the majority of APS customers, it should remain as is. In addition, there should be no new rates/fees/charges levied against solar PV residential or small business customers for so called "grid maintenance" as APS is saving millions of dollars per year by not having to build polluting power plants due to these distributed electricity inputs to their infrastructure. Please work on modifying that portion of the agreement to allow net metering to continue as is. With the cost of rooftop solar dropping rapidly, many more residential and small business APS customers will be installing solar PV in the near future, resulting in less capital outlays for APS long term. I have a couple of questions: 1. Why only 3 years for this rate change cycle instead of 5 years like the last rate case cycle? 2. Why is APS even asking for a rate increase when the value of their parent company's stock has increased from \$47.45 per share (March 9, 2012 stock price) to \$80.80 (as of this writing)? It appears that they have made enormous profits over the past 5 years and would continue to do so without any rate change at all. I propose that the Arizona Corporation Commission allows the current rate structure to continue for the next 5 years with no changes and then a new evaluation can again be made based on company performance over the next 5 year period in order to determine if a new rate change is needed. It doesn't appear that they need or deserve a rate increase at this time. Thank you for your time.

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